

Application No.: 10/606,219
Attorney Docket No.: 030770
Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111

REMARKS

Claims 10-13 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-9 are cancelled. Claims 10-13 are newly added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by **Walsh** (U.S. 5,952,943); and claims 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Walsh** in view of **Vetro** (U.S. 6,519,288).

Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-9 is requested.

New Claims 10-13

Applicants respectfully submit that neither Walsh nor Vetro teach or suggest:

a determiner for determining whether or not a decoding process of the encoded image components for one frame is completed by said decoder when the plurality of encoded image components equal to the compressed still images for a next frame are received by said receiver; [and]

a multiplexer for producing decoded still images for one frame by multiplexing with each other a plurality of decoded image components decoded by said decoder;

as recited in new claim 10; and

determining whether or not a decoding process of the encoded image components for one frame is completed in said decoding step when the plurality of encoded image components equal to the compressed still images for a next frame are received by said receiver; [and]

multiplexing with each other a plurality of decoded image components decoded in said decoding step to produce decoded still images for one frame; and

as recited in new claim 12.

Application No.: 10/606,219
Attorney Docket No.: 030770
Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 10 and 12 are patentable over the cited references, and claims 11 and 13 are patentable by virtue of their dependence from claims 10 and 12, respectively.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP



Andrew G. Melick
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 56,868
Telephone: (202) 822-1100
Facsimile: (202) 822-1111

AGM/adp